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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of February 27, 2006 wherein the Examiner indicated that the Amendment filed on February 9, 2006 was non-compliant for failing to list the text of all pending claims. Applicant apologizes for any inconvenience caused to the Examiner and attaches herewith a complete listing of all claims in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(h).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.